GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TEXTILES
LOK SABHA

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PROCUREMENT OF COTTON BY CCI
Vallabbhaneni Shri Balashowry

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to purchase more cotton from the farmers;and

(b) if so, the details of cotton purchased by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES(SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): With a view to safeguard the interest of the cotton farmers and in the wake of fall in prevailing kapas prices,nominated agencies of the Government of India Viz. Cotton Corporation of Indian Ltd. (CCI) and NAFED intervene in the market to purchase entire quantity of Fair Average Quality (FAQ) grade kapas offered by cotton farmers in APMC markets without any quantitative limit at Minimum Support Prices (MSP) which are fixed by the Government of India every year for FAQ grade of various varieties/grades of kapas.State-wise details of cotton purchased by the CCI during last three years and the current year is at Annexure.